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SUBJECT:ADDITIONAL AUSTRALIAN AID TO LAOS

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1. DEPT WELCOMES NEWS OF AUSTRALIAN CONSIDERATION OF
ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO LAOS DURING CURRENT GOA FISCAL
YEAR.

2. FYI IT APPEARS TO US UNLIKELY THAT GOA WILL MAKE ADDI-
TIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO FEOF GIVEN PAST EXPRESSED DISINCLI-
NATION TO GIVE MORE THAN MINIMUM SUPPORT FOR FEOF.

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ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO FEOF NEED NOT BE STRESSED IN

THE FACE OF GOA RELUCTANCE TO INCREASE CONTRIBUTION.
ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF ADDITIONAL AID, E.G. FINANCING
PURCHASE OF RICE OR POL PRODUCTS SUGGESTED REFTEL PARA 3,
WOULD HAVE, AS MISSION POINTS OUT, SAME EFFECT AS ADDI-
TIONAL FEOF CONTRIBUTION.

3. FOR CANBERRA: EMBASSY SHOULD EXPRESS TO APPROPRIATE
GOA OFFICIALS OUR APPRECIATION FOR CONSIDERATION OF
ADDITIONAL AID TO LAOS NOTING THAT ASSISTANCE PROVIDED IN
WHATEVER FORM GOA CHOOSES WILL BENEFIT OUR COMMON PURPOSE
OF STABILIZING LAO ECONOMY. KISSINGER

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